4. *Measures required to prevent unproductive imports and exports.*

A. List of articles which are being produced, or can be produced in the State on a commercial basis, to meet the existing (or proximate) demand;

B. List of manufactured commodities imported from outside, for which raw materials are available is the State;

C. List of imported commodities, for which raw materials are exported from the State;

D. Utilisation of waste products, or of bye-products of existing industries, in the State;

E. Co-operative production and co-operative distribution (including sale and purchase), measures for starting them, in reference to agriculture in Mysore.

5. *Sufficiency or insufficiency of banking facilities.*

A. The question of land Mortgage Banks and Industrial Banks.

6. *Nature and extent of State aid for the development of trade in the State.*

A. The question of Cartels and Associations of producers and consumers for starting new industries, and a list of industries for which cartels are feasible;

B. List of industries for which State aid in some or other is desirable at the present stage;

C. Industrial Bureau and Exhibitions.

Many of these questions have been already discussed at length in the Economic Conference as well as in the Agricultural and Industries and Commerce Boards. Government, however, desire to refer the main question together with the special problems indicated above, to the Agricultural and Industries and Commerce Boards in so far as they are within their scope, for their consideration and suggestions before further action is taken in the matter of obtaining expert advice on the technical aspects of the case. The Departments of Agriculture and Industries and Commerce will be requested to afford the Boards all the facilities required by them in formulating their recommendations for the orders of Government.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,
Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Geological Department.

READ—

The report on the work done by the Department of Geology, during the year 1923-24, received with letter No. 346, dated 13th September 1924, from the Officiating Director.

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Recorded.

2. Owing to the absence of Mr. B. Jayaram, Director of Geology on long leave Mr. A. M. Sen, Senior Geologist, was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

3. The reservation in respect of chrome was partially relaxed during the year and provision was made for the grant of prospecting licenses, for three years, renewable from year to year, subject to certain conditions. The question of similarly relaxing the reservation of manganese was under the consideration of Government during the year; and it has since been decided to issue prospecting licenses for this mineral also on terms similar to those relating to chrome. These measures have led to increased activity in mining, as evidenced by the increase in the number of applicants for certificates of approval.

4. It is satisfactory to note that the revenue of the Department exclusive of the royalty on gold increased from Rs. 86,837 in the previous year to Rs. 1,09,453 in the year of report, the increase being mainly due to the larger collections under the head "Royalty" as will be seen from the subjoined statement.

	1922-23. Rs.	1923-24. Rs.
Royalty	65,359 6 10	75,530 0 8
Fees	2,615 0 0	2,470 0 0
Rent on prospecting license ...	3,481 2 0	4,454 3 0
Rent on mining lease ...	13,900 4 11	16,787 12 3
Assays and Analysis ...	52 2 0	122 8 0
Other items	1,429 9 7	10,088 4 2
Total ...	86,837 9 4	1,09,452 12 1

5. The total number of certificates of approval in force during the year was 45 against 25 in the previous year, and the number of fresh certificates 23 against 17. The total number of applications for certificates of approval, exploring, prospecting and collecting licenses and mining leases also rose from 112 to 127. The total area under mining leases and prospecting licenses during the year was 42,275 acres, the rent recovered thereon amounting Rs. 21,459 as against 46,646 acres and Rs. 17,705 respectively in the previous year. The increase in the amount of rent recovered was due to the recovery of the full year's rent during the year under report on four mining leases, while only half year's rent was recovered in the year previous on the same leases and also to the renewal of prospecting licenses at higher rates of rent. Work was carried on during the year on 23 mining and 28 prospecting blocks, the minerals exploited being gold, manganese, chrome, magnesite, asbestos, mica, soapstone, kaolin or china clay, fire-clay and limestone.

6. Twenty-two gold mining leases were in force; and the total output of bar-gold was 426,139·88 ozs. of an approximate value of Rs. 2,58,25,000 as compared with 423,348 ozs. of the value of Rs. 2,58,63,000 in the previous year, the royalty paid to Government amounting to Rs. 13,89,112-4-7 as against Rs. 14,16,442 in 1922-23.

7. The number of mining leases and prospecting licenses for manganese was the same as in the previous year, *viz.*, 2 and 10 respectively. The latter figure includes however, 5 prospecting licenses which expired in the course of the year and in respect of which the question of their renewal or otherwise of the licenses was pending with Government. The quantity of ore extracted and exported was 38,508 tons and 48,750 tons respectively against 22,029 and 93,491 tons in the previous year, the royalty payable to Government on the ore exported being Rs. 22,543 as against Rs. 35,222 in the previous year. The largest output and export were from the blocks held by the United Steel Companies, Ltd.

8. There were 9 mining leases and 3 prospecting licenses current for chrome as against 9 and 2 respectively during the previous year. Forty thousand nine hundred and ninety-six tons of chrome were collected and 28,773 tons exported, against 17,783 and 36,496 tons respectively in the previous year. The royalty paid amounted to Rs. 26,146 as against Rs. 29,478 in 1922-23. In respect of asbestos, kaolin, etc., there has been a considerable fall in the output as compared with the previous year.

9. The main items of work done by the Department during the year were (1) revision survey, (2) mineral survey and (3) general inspections. The progress made in revision survey was very poor and this is attributed to the fact that two officers were absent on leave during the greater part of the Field season. Six blocks, five for kaolin and one for limestone, were surveyed in detail. A noteworthy feature of the inspection made by the departmental officers was the inspection of mining and prospecting work carried on by private individuals or companies. The Officiating Director inspected 31 blocks.

10. In view of the increasing demand for such minerals as manganese, chrome, etc., and the growing desire on the part of the people of the State to engage themselves in mining, Government consider that greater attention should be paid by the Department to the mineral survey of the State. The Department should keep itself in close touch with the work done on the several blocks in the State for which licenses have been issued. It should also arrange to collect accurate information as regards the quality and approximate quantity of ore available on each block, as this will be of great advantage to the Government as well as to those engaged in mining.

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Additional Allotment.

READ—

Letter No. D. 3—23-24, dated 4th December 1924, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending sanction to an additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 for grant of Takavi and Land Improvement Loans in the Bangalore District in view of the fact that the allotments made to the Taluks are reported to be inadequate to meet the loan applications pending in them.

ORDER No. R. 3698-3700—R. M. 22-24-2, DATED 19th—22ND DECEMBER 1924.

Government are pleased to sanction an additional allotment of Rs. 5,000 for the grant of Takavi and Land Improvement Loans in the Bangalore District. A demand to the above extent will be placed before the next Session of the Legislative Council.

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